

• A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF ROCKVILLE •

### Rockville Pike Plan Expected to Reach Mayor and Council Soon

After much public input, discussion, planning and editing over the past three years, the Planning Commission is expected in May to complete its recommended revised plan for the Rockville Pike corridor and send it to the Mayor and Council for their consideration.

The draft plan establishes policies for land use, transportation, parks and other key areas on Rockville Pike between Richard Montgomery Drive and the City's southern border (just north of Bou Avenue). It has been developed by the commission with a corresponding zoning code that would implement some of the plan policies. This is the first update of a plan for this area since 1989.

Since it has been working

on the draft plan, the Planning Commission solicited input through two rounds of public testimony, in 2011 and 2013, which played a prominent role in the commissioners' work on the plan. Key goals throughout the process have been to improve all modes of transportation — for drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists and transit riders — and to make the experience of living, working, and shopping throughout the corridor more pleasant.

The draft plan contains these major policy components:

• a new Rockville Pike roadway cross-section that improves conditions for driving, walking, biking, and transit, including accommodating Bus continued on pg. 3...

Rockville Baseball Association held an Opening Day ceremony

Rockville Baseball Association held an Opening Day ceremony on April 12 at Dogwood Park, marking the league's 60th year, featuring players, coaches and elected officials while recognizing the nonprofit's many volunteers.

### City Hall to Close for Memorial Day

Recycling and Refuse Collection One Day Later During the Holiday Week

Rockville City Hall and some City facilities will be closed Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day.

Recycling, yard waste and refuse collection will be suspended on May 26, and made one day later. Collection regularly made on Monday will be made on Tuesday; regularly scheduled Tuesday collection will occur on Wednesday and so on. Friday collection will be made on Saturday.

For more information on holiday collection schedules, call 240-314-8568 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse.

The following Rockville facilities will be closed May 26:

- F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and Box Office
- Croydon Creek Nature Center
- Glenview Mansion and the Art Gallery
- Lincoln Park, Thomas Farm and Twinbrook community centers
- Rockville Senior Center

At the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, the indoor North pool and fitness center will be open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Due to the City's Memorial Day parade, access to Martins Lane and the Swim Center parking lot will be restricted until after noon. The outdoor recreation and fitness pools will be open noon to 9 p.m. The South Indoor Pool will be closed.

Parking fees at City-owned meters will be suspended for the day.

For more information, go to www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-5000.

### World Travelers Wanted at Twinbrook Multicultural Day

Twinbrook will celebrate its diversity with exhibits, food and presentations representing the people and cultures of the growing community during Twinbrook Multicultural Day on Saturday, June 7.

The festival, from 4-7 p.m. at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, will offer all the fun of past Twinbrook Days, which began in 2010. But this year the community festival will add a bit of international flair.

Community members are invited to bring displays and present performances that highlight their native culture.

In recent years, Twinbrook has grown to include many Salvadoran, Peruvian, Korean, Chinese, Polish and French-speaking African residents. Meanwhile, the annual community celebration has become a neighborhood

tradition

"Twinbrook Multicultural Day will celebrate our diverse community and build connections among neighbors by sharing food and cultural traditions from around the world," said Kelley Day, supervisor of the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center.

The celebration will offer something for residents of all ages, including a children's parade, arts and crafts, food, country displays and entertainment. A new feature —"passports" — will allow neighbors to travel the world by visiting exhibits highlighting the culture and customs of community members' native countries. Attendees will get to know their neighbors as they visit the exhibits, learn about their neighbors' native culture and get their passports stamped.

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### Se Buscan Viajeros del Mundo para el Día Multicultural de Twinbrook

Twinbrook va a celebrar su diversidad con exhibiciones, comida y presentaciones representando a personas y culturas de la creciente comunidad durante el Día Multicultural de Twinbrook el sábado 7 de junio.

El festival, será de 4 a 7 p.m. en el Centro Comunitario de Recreación Twinbrook, ofrecerá toda la diversión de los pasados Días de Twinbrook, que empezaron en el 2010. Pero este año el festival de la comunidad tendrá además un aire internacional.

Se invita a los miembros de la comunidad a que lleven carteleras y que presenten actuaciones que resalten su cultura nativa.

En los últimos años, Twinbrook ha crecido y hoy contamos con muchos residentes salvadoreños, peruanos, coreanos, chinos y africanos de habla francesa. Al mismo tiempo, la celebración anual de la comunidad se ha convertido en una tradición del vecindario.

"El Día Multicultural de Twinbrook celebrará nuestra diversa comunidad y construirá conexiones entre los vecinos compartiendo la comida y las tradiciones culturales de todo el mundo", dijo Kelley Day, supervisora del Centro Comunitario de Recreación Twinbrook.

La celebración ofrecerá algo para los residentes de todas edades, incluyendo un desfile para niños, artes y artesanías, comida, exhibiciones de los países y entretenimiento. Una nueva característica - "pasaportes" - permitirá a los vecinos viajar por el mundo visitando exposiciones que destacan la cultura y las costumbres de los países de origen de los miembros de la comunidad. Los asistentes podrán conocer a sus vecinos en su visita a las exposiciones, aprecontinua en pg. 9...

Get Into It...

Keeping Up with Development Projects

Learn about proposals and what new buildings are coming to Rockville. PAGE

Aces Abound
Take part in a youth or
adult tennis tournament
this summer.

Tots and Trucks
Stop by Rockville's
Equipment Show on
May 22 to experience
the big machines up
close.

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What's in Season?
The Saturday
Farmers Market
opens on May 10 and
Wednesday's Market
opens June 4.

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#### PROJECTS AND THE PROCESS



275 North Washington Street

#### **Town Center Moves North**

There's new activity in Rockville's Town Center these days. Three new projects will continue the redevelopment of Rockville's downtown, north of Rockville Town Square.

A new two-story mixed-use project at 275 North Washington Street will consist of street-level bank and retail space with offices located on a second floor and one level of below-grade parking. This formerly vacant site is now under construction.

On the former Giant Food grocery store site at 285 North Washington Street, a new project is making its way through the development review process. Brightview Rockville Town Center will offer 195 rental units for independent senior living and assisted living with street-level retail available to the public. The project is proposed as a seven-story building with building frontages along the planned extensions to Maryland and Dawson Avenues. The project is slated to start construction in early 2015 and open by the fall of 2016.



255 North Washington Street

Directly north of Rockville Town Square, across Beall Avenue, the proposed 6-story 255 North Washington Street will feature 280 rental units above street-level retail and structured parking. The project will offer a mix of studio, 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom apartments as well as several live/work units in Rockville's rapidly growing downtown neighborhood.

#### **Know the Process, Stay Informed**

Rockville residents are encouraged to take part in decisions about development projects in the city. Stay informed by:

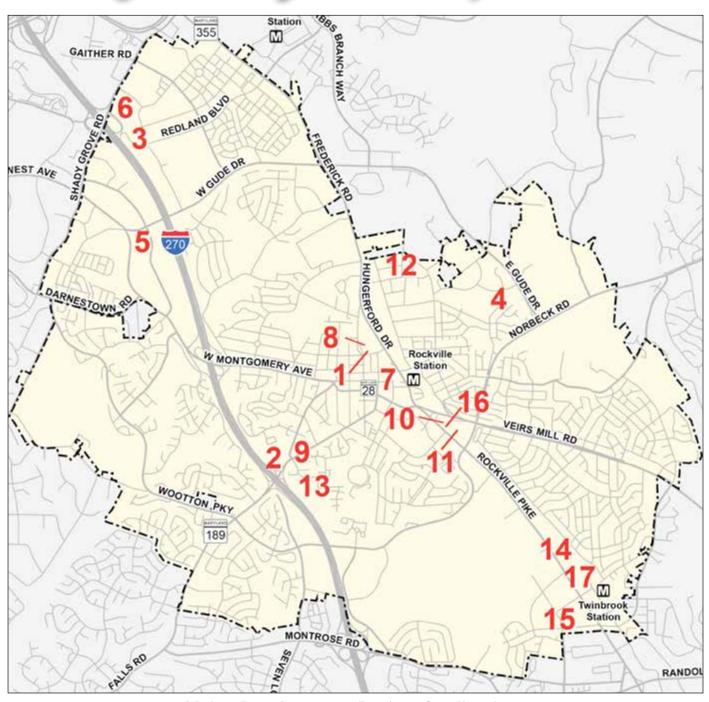
- Checking the latest applications online at www.rockvillemd.gov/developmentwatch for status updates on projects in your neighborhood and throughout the city.
- Attending an "Area Meeting" near you led by project applicants to provide input on certain projects prior to consideration by city boards or commissions.
- Finding meeting schedules, agendas and information packets online for the Planning Commission and Mayor and Council at www.rockvillemd.gov/ AgendaCenter.
- Contacting Planning at 240-314-8200 to find out about specific projects in your area.

#### Learn more at

www.rockvillemd.gov/development watch



# City Project Updates



#### **Major Development Review Applications**

#### **Pre-Application Submittals**

The following applications have been recently submitted to the City for pre-application review:

- 1. 255 North Washington Street: Pre-application for a mixed use development with 280 dwelling units and 6,200 square feet of retail space. File # PAM2014-00070
- 651 Great Falls Road (Julius West Middle School): Pre-application for an addition, renovation, drop-off and parking redesign, two new tennis courts, and minor site improvements to existing basketball courts and ball field. File # PAM2014-00074
- 3. 900 and 901 King Farm Boulevard (King Farm townhouses): Proposed development of 140 townhouse units. File #PAM2014-00064
- 4. 1175 Taft Street (EZ Storage): Proposed development of a self-storage facility. File # PAM2014-00072
- 5. Research Boulevard and Gude Drive (Key West Center at Fallsgrove): Proposed development of two medical office buildings and ancillary retail uses at the corner of Research Boulevard and Gude Drive. File # PAM2014-00069

#### **Applications Under Review**

The following applications are currently in the development review process:

- 5 Choke Cherry Road (Upper Rock District): Project plan amendment to allow for the development of 34,700 square feet of retail space on Blocks B, C and D of the Upper Rock District. File # PIT2014-00004
- 198 E. Montgomery Avenue (Duball Rockville): Project plan application for an amendment to PDP1994-0001E to allow for the addition of 178 dwelling units to block 2 and application of a currently approved non-residential parking waiver to the residential uses. File # PIT2014-00003
- 8. 285 North Washington Street (Brightview Rockville Town Square): Site plan application for the proposed development of a 195-unit rental community for independent senior living and assisted living with street-level retail. File # STP2014-00189
- . 626 & 628 Great Falls Road (Chinese Jehovah's Witnesses):

- Proposed development of a new place of worship. File # STP2012-00114
- 10. **702** *Rockville Pike* (*Enterprise Rent-a-Car*): Proposed use of an existing building for a rental car facility and development of a 1,356 square foot carwash to be located behind the rental facility. File # STP2014-00184
- 11. **750** *Rockville Pike (Centra Care Urgent Care):* Proposed development of an urgent care medical facility. File # STP2014-00185
- 12. 900 Westmore Avenue (Church of God Iglesia de Dios of Rockville): Proposed demolition of an existing church, construction of a new church with additional on-site parking and pedestrian walkways. File # STP2014-00193
- 13. **1235** *Potomac Valley Road (Potomac Valley Nursing Home)*: Proposed site modifications including expansion of on-site parking. File # STP2013-00164.
- 14. 1450 Rockville Pike (BMW of Rockville): Proposed consolidation and expansion of the service facility and structured parking. File # STP2013-00165
- 15. **1626** East Jefferson Street (Crest II): Site Plan for a proposed multifamily development. File # STP2014-00196

#### **Recently Approved Applications**

The following major applications and development projects were recently approved by the designated approving authority and are currently or soon to be under construction:

- 16. 718 Rockville Pike (Patient First Medical Center): Major site pan amendment for a new medical office building and change of use to an existing building on-site to allow restaurant use. Approved Sept. 11, 2013. File #STP2013-00162
- 17. **1592** *Rockville Pike (Twinbrook Metroplace):* Project plan for a new mixed-use development comprised of office, retail, restaurant and health club use, a 200-room hotel and 792 multi-family residential units and site application for phase I of the approved project plan for Twinbrook Metroplace. Approved April 16, 2012 and March 13, 2013. File # PJT2012-00002 and STP2013-00140

# Mayor & Council











7 p.m. on Mondays, subject to change.

**MEETINGS & DROP IN SCHEDULE** All general sessions, worksessions and public hearings are televised on Rockville channel II and are available on streaming video at www.rockvillemd.gov. Residents may comment on any subject for up to three minutes during Community Forum at most meetings. Meetings are at

> June 2 June 23 June 30

The mayor and one councilmember are available to meet with residents for drop-in discussions from 5:30-6:30 p.m. one Monday per month in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall. No appointment is necessary, but a call to the City Clerk's office at 240-314-8280 is appreciated. Along with **Mayor Newton**, the councilmembers scheduled are: **Tom Moore** on **May** 12 and Virginia D. Onley on June 2.

### **Rockville See Wins in the General Assembly**

Legislature Backs Highway Revenue, Protects Stormwater Fees and Speed Cameras

The 2014 Maryland General Assembly session that concluded April 7 produced several wins for Rockville, including \$1.1 million in additional highway user revenue for transportation projects.

The one-time highway user revenue is similar to the amount the City saw in Fiscal Year 2014. The \$1.1 million adds to the City's current allocation of \$505,000, for a total of \$1.6 million in highway user revenue for FY15. Municipalities are required to use the state aid for road maintenance and small infrastructure improvement projects. City staff is recommending that it be put toward Rockville's bridge rehabilitation program. For details about the bridge rehabilitation program, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/

bridgerehab.

Rockville and Montgomery County were unsuccessful in their joint attempt to secure additional state aid for school construction. A push to establish an additional \$20 million per year for school systems with large student enrollments,

in order to supplement state money for school construction, failed to win passage. The governor is expected to request that the state conduct a study to examine funding strategies that could inform future investment in school construction funding.

All proposals that attempted to change the stormwater program were defeated. As a result, the City will be able to maintain its program.

Rockville will comply with speed camera reform legislation enacted to improve the program's administration across Maryland. Included in the changes are standardized signage, movement to flat fee contracts with vendors by 2017, and a program administrator to investigate issues and

The City did not receive requested state funding support for improvements at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

For more details on Rockville's state legislative priorities, contact Linda Moran at Imoran@rockvil**lemd.gov** or 240-314-8115. **‡** 

#### **Rockville Pike Plan**

continued from pg. 1... Rapid Transit;

• new streets that include an enhanced environment for pedestrians and

bicyclists; additional parkland, open space and "green" fea-

tures; and an updated land use plan that encourages a mix of

uses, commercial activity adjacent to sidewalks and maximum building heights appropriate to their settings.

Read the draft plan on the

City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike. (The March 2013 draft will be replaced with the Planning Commission's recommended

draft once the commission completes its work).

The Mayor and Council will hold one or more public hearings and have a public testimony period while they are considering the plan.

For more information, contact Cindy Kebba in the Community Planning and Development Services department at 240-314-8233 or ckebba@rockvillemd.







PRESERVING A ROCKVILLE LANDMARK...The Mayor and Council and other city leaders toured the King Farm Farmstead recently. They expect to invest in improvements to the Farmstead to preserve it for generations to come. Top left: An early view of the farm. Top right: The barns today. Bottom: City staff and leaders visit the old dairy barn.

#### City Leaders, Congressional **Delegation Discuss Rockville's** 2014 Federal Funding Priorities

Rockville leaders and city staff traveled to Capitol Hill in April to discuss funding for capital improvement projects and policy priorities with the City's congressional delegation.

The City made several priority capital project funding requests for federal fiscal year 2014, which ends Sept. 30. The requests were for:

- \$1.4 million toward Rockville's comprehensive bridge inspection and rehabilitation program;
- \$600,000 toward sanitary sewer system improvements;
- \$6.27 million to help fund stormwater management projects;
- \$120,000 to upgrade police mobile data terminals; and
- \$200,000 to expedite police in-car camera replacement program.

Rockville also highlighted two important federal funding sources in the meetings on Capitol Hill:

• Community Development Block Grants: Rockville has received these funds, which aid low and moderate income persons, families, and neighborhoods, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development since 1975.

• Community Oriented Police Hiring Grants: The City would like to secure grants for two additional police officers to be placed in school liaison/resource positions.

City leaders also previewed a project for the congressional delegation that would extend Dawson and Maryland avenues in town center. Rockville expects to work on designs for the street extensions prior to applying for a federal FY15 priority grant next spring.

Rockville will continue to pursue potential sources of funding as they are approved in the federal fiscal year 2014 and 2015 budget processes. FY14 grant announcements are expected later this spring.

For more information on federal funding priorities, contact Linda Moran at Imoran@rockvillemd.

#### **IN BRIEF**

#### **Mayor and Council to Hold Final Public Hearing and Vote on FYI5 Budget**

The Mayor and Council will hold a fifth and final public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program (CIP) at their meeting on Monday, May 5, at 7 p.m.

They are expected to adopt the FY15 budget on May 12. The largest portion of the operating budget is the General Fund budget, which funds the City's day-to-day activities. The proposed FY15 CIP is a five-year plan that supports 47 capital projects, including new construction and infrastructure

City Manager Barb Matthews outlined her budget proposal for the Mayor and Council on March 17. The Mayor and Council held public hearings and worksessions on March 31 and April 7, April 21 and April 28. To view the presentation, worksessions and public hearings visit www.rockvillemd.gov/ rockville I I and select "Videos on Demand."

The City's current real property tax rate of \$0.292 per \$100 of assessed valuation would remain the same for FY15 under the city manager's proposal.All residential and commercial property owners

The FY15 budget takes effect July 1. For more information on the City budget, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/budget.

#### **City Leaders Tighten Emergency Generator Rules**

The Mayor and Council recently adopted changes to Rockville's zoning ordinance regarding emergency generators and other topics.

The zoning text amendment adds provisions calling for emergency generators to:

- · Comply with all City noise regulations.
- For an interior lot, only be located in a rear or side yard (not encroaching into a side yard setback and only encroaching five feet into a rear yard setback).
- For a corner lot, be located in yard area facing the street that is not the street address of the house.
- Be subject to review and approval by the Chief of Planning in an historic district zone, unless the generator is visible from a public way.

The text amendment also included minor revisions related to the use of accessory buildings and structures in residential properties, parking space requirements at fast-food restaurants, signage in certain zones, ownership plats, historic district zones and the application procedure for site plans, project plans and special exceptions.

Read this text amendment attached to the April 7 Mayor and Council agenda at www.rockvillemd. gov/agendacenter. Rockville's Zoning Ordinance is available at www.rockvillemd.gov/zoning by selecting "Zoning Ordinance" on the left menu. For more information on the amendment or Rockville's Zoning Ordinance, email Zoning Administrator Deane Mellander at dmellander@rockvillemd.

#### IN AND AROUND ROCKVILLE

#### Register for a Free Rain Barrel Workshop

Residents doing home maintenance this spring might want to consider simple steps to manage stormwater while protecting Rockville's streams.

One such step, which reduces pollution while saving money, is installing a rain barrel.

Learn how to buy, install and maintain a rain barrel at a workshop from 1:30-3:30 p.m. June 7 at Twinbrook Community



Recreation Center, I 2920 Twinbrook Parkway. A free rain barrel will be raffled off to one lucky resident.

The training is free, but seats are limited and registration is required. To register, call 240-314-8877 or email **rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov** with your name and address.

Rain barrels are just one tool homeowners can use to reduce the amount of runoff leaving their property. Rockville's RainScapes Rewards Program offers rebates to help residential owners reduce runoff by using approved techniques including rain barrels, conservation landscaping and native tree plantings.

Learn more, including how to apply for a rebate, at www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes.

### **Human Rights Commission Hosts Forum on Demographics**

Rockville has become increasingly diverse, and with new populations come new ideas, perspectives, expectations and needs.

Rockville's Human Rights Commission (HRC) will host a forum offering a closer look at Rockville's changing demographics on Wednesday, June 18, at 7 p.m. at City Hall. The forum is free and open to the public.

Rockville demographic information will be provided by U.S. Census Data Dissemination Specialist Nesreen Khashan. The HRC will lead a conversation about being a welcoming community that embraces diversity and responds to the changing needs of the community.

For more information call 240-314-8316. For accessibility questions, call the ADA coordinator at 240-314-8108.

#### Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Features Special Festival

Rockville's Asian Pacific American Task Force has organized a two-day festival in celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May.

The Asian Pacific American Cultural Festival, from I-5 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, and Sunday, May 4, at Lincoln Park Community Center, will include film

screenings, cultural performances, demonstrations, games and more. Attendees



will enjoy demonstrations including Asian-themed games, Feng Shui, character writing and henna tattoos in the center's multipurpose room. The gymnasium will host Asian films, followed by cultural performances. Each day will highlight various Asian countries including India, China, the Philippines, Korea and more.

Lincoln Park Community Center is located at 357 Frederick Avenue, Rockville Maryland.
Attendees are encouraged to park at Envelopes Unlimited, at 649 North Horners Lane (parking lot across from the Center) due to limited parking at the center.

The Asian Pacific American Task Force will continue its celebration by hosting a table and providing Asian performers at Hometown Holidays in town center over Memorial Day weekend.

For more information on Asian Pacific American Cultural Festival, or to learn more about the Asian Pacific American Task Force, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/apataskforce.

# In The Community

### Peerless Rockville Celebrates 40th Anniversary

City Recognizes Historic Preservation Month in May

This spring Peerless
Rockville celebrates 40
years of preserving
Rockville history and historic places. The nonprofit
will mark Historic
Preservation Month with a
special exhibit about the organization's history in the
lobby of the Red Brick
Courthouse and a
Rockville History and
Architecture Photo
Scavenger Hunt throughout the city.

The Mayor and Council declared May as Historic Preservation Month at their meeting on April 28. The theme for 2014 preservation month is "New Age of Preservation: Embark, Inspire, Engage."

Over the past four decades, Peerless has saved important Rockville landmarks such as the B&O Railroad Station, the Red Brick Courthouse, Wire Hardware building, Frieda's Cottage and several historic cemeteries. Peerless engages the community with educational programs on Rockville neighborhoods and publications on local history topics and people.

In addition, Peerless Rockville maintains an Archives and Museum Collection. The archive includes maps, family and business papers, oral histories and unpublished manuscripts. The museum



The Red Brick Courthouse.

collection has more than 7,500 objects dating from colonial times to the present and includes photographs, books, decorative and fine arts, archeological artifacts and other historical memorabilia.

Other events this spring are a hands-on conservation workshop at the historic Baptist Cemetery (May 24), a social and annual meeting at Frieda's Cottage (June 14) and participation in Montgomery County Heritage Day (June 28) with a talk on Jubal Early during the Confederacy's final invasion of July 1864 and tours of Civil War-Underground Railroad and the courthouse.

For more information, visit www.peerlessrock-ville.org or call 301-762-0096. \*



All youth play is USTA sanctioned.

### **Rockville Hosts Summer Tennis Tournaments**

Rockville will host youth and adult tennis tournaments this summer and the City is inviting players of all skill levels to participate.

Youth and adult United States Tennis Association (USTA) sanctioned tournaments will be offered, while adults will also have the option of playing in a recreation division tournament.

The youth tennis tournament takes place June 7-8 and the adult tennis tournament takes place August 1-3. Each tournament will be played on City of Rockville outdoor courts.

Youth from age 9-12 will have a smashing time using kid-sized courts, nets and low compression balls in their tournament. All youth play is USTA sanctioned. Kids can participate in:

- 10-and-under division (9-10 years old), \$28 for Rockville residents/\$33 non-resident.
- 12-and-under division (11-12 years old), \$33 for residents/\$38 non-resident.
- The registration deadline is Tuesday, June 3.
   The adult tennis tourna-



ment offers a USTA sanctioned singles or doubles division and recreation division for singles. Beginners and pros over age 16 are guaranteed two matches. Brackets will be based on gender and ability:

- USTA play, \$33 for residents/\$38 non-residents.
- Recreation division tournament, \$30 for residents/\$35 non-resident.
- Deadline to register is Friday, July 25.
   To register for the tennis tournaments, visit was

nis tournaments, visit www.
rockvillemd.gov/recreation/
sports or call 240-314-8620.

### City's Economic Development Agency Reaches 100 Companies Last Quarter

Rockville Economic
Development, Inc. (REDI)
continues to help businesses
launch, locate and expand
in the City of Rockville,
Executive Director Laurie
Boyer told the Mayor and
Council in March.

REDI is a public-private partnership that strengthens and broadens Rockville's economic base through business entrepreneurship, expansion, retention and recruitment programs. In her report on the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2014, Boyer said the organization visited or provided support to 100 Rockville companies as part of outreach efforts that included Business

Appreciation Week in March.

Seventy-seven percent of businesses visited during Business Appreciation Week reported at least some increase in revenue in 2013 over the previous year, Boyer said. Ninety-two percent reported hiring additional staff last year.

REDI continues to support two innovation centers that house start-up companies. Its Maryland Women's Business Center held 19 seminars serving 240 attendees, provided business counseling to 51 clients and helped another 70 with technical assistance.

Since December, REDI's social networks on Facebook,

Twitter and LinkedIn each experienced growth. The organization also added to its website a blog and a searchable commercial property database to help the local business community and potential Rockville businesses access information more readily.

In February, REDI partnered with the City and the Rockville Chamber of Commerce to host more than 30 people at City Hall for the Rockville Business Academy.

The organization continues to partner with county, state and regional agencies to attract more companies to Rockville and, in June, will promote the Rockville at the BIO International Convention in San Diego.

Later this summer, REDI and the Maryland Women's Business Center will once again offer the StartRight! Business Plan Competition for women-owned businesses. The submission deadline is June 25. Winners will be announced in August.

There are several vacancies on REDI's board of directors, which is appointed by the Mayor and Council. If you are interested in serving, call REDI at 301-315-8096.

Learn more about REDI at www.rockvilleredi.org. \*

#### **FACILITIES ADDRESSES** AND PHONE NUMBERS

- **Glenview Mansion Art** Gallery GM, Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.
- F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre (FSF), Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.
- **Croydon Creek Nature** Center (C), Rockville Civic Center Park, 852 Avery Road. Note: Registration required, register online at www.rockvillemd. gov or call 240-314-8770.
- **Rockville Senior Center** SR, 1150 Carnation Drive. Call 240-314-8800.
- Rockville City Hall 111 Maryland Ave. Call 240-314-5000.



Rockville offers a variety of classes and programs each season. Find something that interests you at www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide.

#### May

- 2-4, 9-11"The Miser," presented by Rockville Little Theatre. See page 11 for details. FSD
- 3 Star Party Discover objects easily visible in the night sky, look through telescopes with an astronomer and enjoy a campfire treat. All participants must register including adults. 8:30-9:30 p.m. Course #47164. Cost: \$6R/\$8NR. (CC)
- 4 Bike Month Kick-Off Ride. See page 10 for details.
- 4 Rockville Art League Juried Members' Exhibit Opening Reception at Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. See page 11 for details.
- 8 Nature Tots: A Bug's Life. A naturalist will help you and your child (age 2-5) explore the topic through nature play, crafts, stories and hikes from 10-11:30 a.m. Adult participation required. Course #46999. Cost: \$8R/\$10NR. CC
- Rockville Senior Center nber and Rockville Swim and Fitness Center Member summer recreation registration opens. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide to find a program for you.
- 10 Croydon Creek Campfire: Animal Babies. Celebrate Mother's Day and learn about some local animal moms and their babies as you gather around the campfire and enjoy a delicious treat from 8-9 p.m. An adult must accompany children and all participants must

# May/June Calendar

register. Course #47145. Cost: \$5R/\$6NR. (CC)

10 Royal Tea Party. Princesses ages two and older and their royal family are invited to Thomas Farm Community Center's royal tea party from 2-4 p.m. Dress in your fanciest princess attire. A special princess will be at the party singing, dancing, and telling princess stories. Children must come with an adult. Course #46336. Cost: \$10R/\$12NR, fees apply to each person attending.

10,17,24,31 Rock-ville Farmers Market. Corner of East Jefferson Street and Monroe Avenue from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. See page 12 for details.

11 Family Geocaching. Participants will learn the basics of geocaching while spending time outdoors from 3-4:30 p.m. All participants must register, including adults. Families may be asked to share GPS devices. Course #47165. Cost: \$6R/\$8NR. (CC)

**13** Spring Sparkle. The Dale Jarrett Trio, led by Jarrett's rich baritone voice, entertain at the senior center from 7-9:15 p.m. The music is upbeat and enjoyable for both listening and dancing. A special host will assist with dance steps and line dancing. Refreshments served. SR

15 Summer Recreation Registration Opens to All. Register for a new session of classes, programs, activities and events at any Rockville community center or online at rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov. Call 240-314-8620 for more informa-

16 Bike to Work Day. See page 10 for details.

17 Kids to Parks Day. See page 11 for details. (CG

17 Off-Leash Dog Training. All dogs and owners must successfully complete this test before the dog may be walked without a leash in the City of Rockville. Dogs and owners must be re-certified each year; there is no charge for recertification. Any dog who participates in the test must have a current Rockville City dog license. Testing is 10-11 a.m. at Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, 355 Martins Lane. Pre-registration is required by calling 240-314-8937 (fee: \$5 per dog). Learn how to get a dog license at www. rockvillemd.gov/police and select "Animal Control."

17 Saturday Story and Hike. A naturalist will read a story and lead a hike based on the story from 10-11 a.m. Open to kids age 2-5 (adult participation required). Course #47156. Cost: \$4R/\$6NR. (CC)

18 Family Ramble: Forest. Join a naturalist on a hike from 1:30-2:30 p.m. through the Hayes Forest Preserve. Trails are not stroller friendly. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Course #47166. Cost: \$3R/\$5NR. (C)

18 Neighborhood Services Rabies Vaccination Clinic. Rockville City Police and Montgomery County Police sponsor this clinic from 8-10:30 a.m. at the new Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center, 7315 Muncaster Mill Road, Derwood, Call 240-314-8930 for more information.

18 Rockville Chorus Spring Concert. See page 11 for de-

21 Green Business Initiatives Workshop. Learn about how taking advantage of green business initiatives can help your business's bottom line from 8-10 a.m. at the Rockville Hilton, 1750 Rockville Pike. Speakers will explore the Bicycle Friendly Business program as well as the City's Green Business Program and learn from business representatives on how these programs have worked for them.

21 Ride of Silence. Bike ride starts at the Rockville Memorial Library and goes from 7-8 p.m. See page 10 for details.

**22** Nature Tots: Soil Sleuth. A naturalist will help you and your child (age 2-5) explore the topic through nature play, crafts, stories and hikes from 10-11:30 a.m. Adult participation required. Course #47000. Cost: \$8R/\$10NR. (CG)

**27** Rockville Regional Youth Orchestra. See page 11 for details.

29 College Safety Tips. This seminar, presented by Rockville Teen Programs, gives advice from college safety representatives and gets your questions answered from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center.

31 Washington Balalaika Spring Concert. See page 11 for details.

#### June

1 Family Safety Skills Bike Rodeo. Cycle into summer and help your child learn the rules of the road in a fun and safe environment from 11 a m -1 p m at Thomas Farm Community Center. Stations will include a bike inspection, education, obstacle course and a certificate of completion. An adult is required to attend with the child, however, only the child needs to register. Rain date: Sunday, June 8. Course #47265. Cost \$3R/\$5NR.

3,10,17,24 Evening King Farm Bike Rides. See page 10 for details.

4,11,18,25 Farmers Market at Dawson's Market In their parking lot at 225 N. Washington St. from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

5 Nature Tots: Creek Critters. A naturalist will help you and your child (age 2-5) explore the topic through nature play, crafts, stories and hikes. Adult participation required. Course #47001. Cost: \$8R/\$10NR. (CC)

**7,14,21,28** Rockville Farmers Market. Corner of East Jefferson Street and Monroe Avenue from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. See page 12 for details.

Rockville Skate Jam. Noon-4 p.m. at the Rockville Skate Park, 355 Martins Lane. Call 240-314-8634 for more details. Free.

7 Rain Barrel Workshop. See page 4 for details.

Family Ramble: Creek. Wade into the creek to catch and examine creek critters from 1:30-2:30 p.m. We provide nets and equipment; come prepared to get wet and have fun (closed-toe shoes required). Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Course #47167. Cost: \$3R/\$5NR. (CC)

**12-15,20-22** "The Pirates of Penzance," presented by the Victorian Lyric Opera Company. See page 11 for details. (ES)

13 Late Night Friday. Kids in grades 3-7 have Thomas Farm Community Center all to themselves to play in the gym, bounce in a moon bounce, enjoy video games, dance and listen to music, make a craft and hang out with friends. Refreshments will be sold. Course #47266. Cost \$7R/\$10NR or the fee at the door beginning at 6:30 pm is \$10R/\$15NR. Event runs from

14 Kidical Mass Family Ride. Bike ride goes 2-4 miles from 10-11 a.m., leaving from Thomas Farm Community Center.

15 Carl Henn Millennium Trail Ride. Join us for a bike ride along this 10.6-mile loop around Rockville from 10 a.m.-noon, starting at the Rockville Senior Center. Rain at the

15 Neighborhood Services Rabies Vaccination Clinic. Rockville City Police and Montgomery County Police sponsor this clinic from 8-10:30 a.m. at the new Montgomery County Ani- May 14, June 4 mal Services and Adoption Center, 7315 Muncaster Mill Road, Derwood. Call 240-314-8930 for more information.

19 Nature Tots: Nocturnal Animals. A naturalist will help you and your child (age 2-5) explore the topic through nature play, crafts, stories and hikes from 10-11:30 a.m. Adult participation is required. Course #47002. Cost: \$8R/\$10NR. CC



21 Saturday Story and Hike. Our Naturalist will read a story and lead a hike based on the story from 10-11 a.m. Adult participation is required. Course #47157. Cost: \$4R/\$6NR. (CC)

**26** Free for All in the Parks concert, The Shifters play reggae music at Montrose Community Center. See page 10 for details.

#### **Boards and Commissions**

Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted. Please check the City website for the latest on cancellations, rescheduling and contact information at www.rockvillemd. gov/boardscommissions.

May 1, June 5 **Environment Commission 7** p.m. Meets the first Thursday of the month.

May 7, June 4 Rockville Bicycle Advisory Commission 7 p.m. Meets the first Wednesday of the month.

**May 10, June 7** Board of Appeals 9 a.m. Meets the second Saturday of the month and are televised on Rockville 11.

May 13, June 10 **Human Services Advisory** Commission 7:30 p.m. Meets the second Tuesday of the month.

start cancels the ride, but wet pavement does not.

May 14,28,

June 11,25 Planning

Commission 7 p.m. Meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month and are televised on

> Cultural Arts Commission 7 p.m. Meets the second Wednesday of the month.

May 15 Recreation and Park Advisory Board 7 p.m. Meets the fourth Thursday of the

May 15, June 19 Historic District Commission 7:30 p.m. Meets the third Thursday of the month and are televised on Rockville 11.

For the most up-to-date event listings visit www. rockvillemd.gov/thisweek and sign up for the weekly

email newsletter.

#### May 15, June

19 Senior Citizens Commission 1 p.m. Meets the third Thursday of the month at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr.

May 20, June 17 Rockville Seniors, Inc. 1 p.m. Meets the third Tuesday of the month at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr.

May 21, June 18 Rockville Housing Enterprises 6:30 p.m. Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 621-A Southlawn Ln.

May 27, June 24 Traffic and **Transportation Commission** 7:30 p.m. Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month.

May 28, June 25 Human Rights Commission 7 p.m. Meets the fourth Wednesday of

#### **Vacancies**

the month.

To learn more about any board or commission, call the City Clerk's office at 240-314-8280 or go to www.rockvillemd.gov. The City is seeking applicants

- Cultural Arts Commission (1)
- Ethics Commission (5) · Historic District Commission
- Human Rights Commission (2)
- · Human Services Advisory Commission (2)
- · Landlord Tenant Affairs Commission (2)
- Personnel Appeals Board (3) · Recreation and Parks Advi-
- sory Board (1) Rockville Recreation and
- Parks Foundation, Inc. (1)
- · Rockville Sister City Corporation (2)
- Rockville Economic Development Inc. (REDI) (4)
- Rockville Housing Enterprises
- Senior Citizens Commission (1) Traffic and Transportation Commission (1)

FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE EVENT LISTING, VISIT WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV

# Hometown Holidays Offers Something for Everyone this Memorial Day Weekend

Make your way to one of the best music festivals in the Washington, D.C. area

Featuring more than 30 free performances from local, regional and national bands, these talented groups will converge on Rockville from eight states and the District of Columbia.

Guests can expect to hear sounds from around the world with genres including country, reggae, Latin, polka, Americana, bluegrass, Irish, pop, rock, kids performers and more.

In addition to the diverse performance line-up, Hometown Holidays offers something for everyone. Food lovers can taste bites from local Rockville establishments

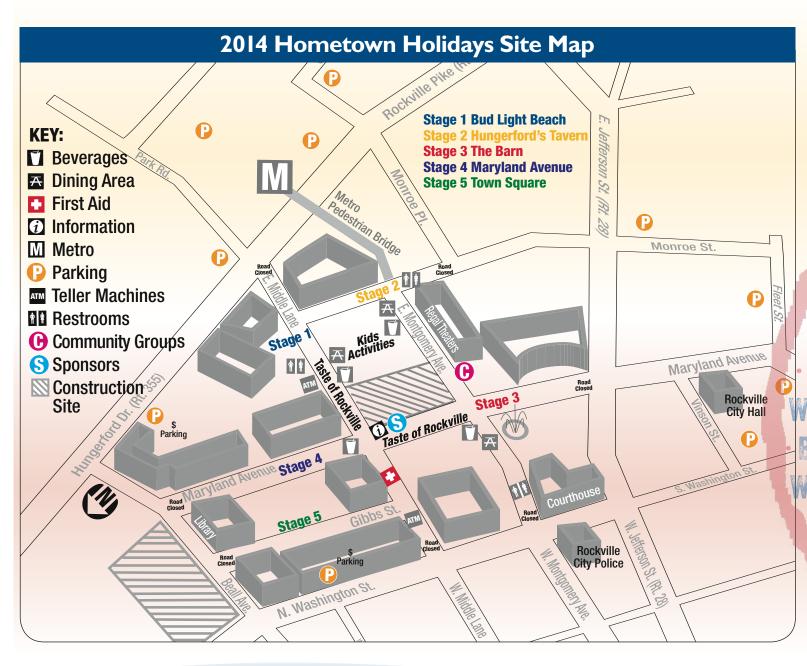




SATURDAY, MAY 24 · 2-10 P.M. SUNDAY, MAY 25 · 2-10 P.M.

at the Taste of Rockville and children and teens will have a variety of entertainment options on the Plaza Stage. Additionally, the amusements area has doubled in size and offers attractions and rides for the kid in all of us.

Join us on Monday, May 26 at the Memorial Day Ceremony in Rockville Town Square as we honor those who have served our country. The presentation of colors, 21-gun salute and an address by the Grand Marshal will commence at 9:30 a.m. After the ceremony, stick around for the 70th Annual Memorial Day parade where people of all ages will enjoy floats, marching bands, step units, clowns, patriotic groups and more.

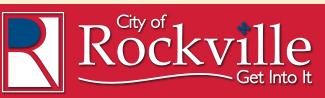


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### **HTH Highlights**

#### Hometown Holidays Mug



Makes a great souvenir! Purchase your HTH mug at any beverage booth at the festival

and your first beer is included. Mugs are \$10; cash only.

#### Community Partners • 2-8 p.m.

Visit the Community Partners area along East Montgomery Ave. and visit with organizations that are doing great work in our community.

#### Taste of Rockville • 2-10 p.m.

Tickets: \$1.25, sponsored by and benefitting Rockville

Chamber of Commerce and Community Ministries of Rockville. Taste of Rockville is located along Maryland Avenue and Middle Lane. Tickets can be purchased at a Taste of Rockville ticket booth. Enjoy tastes from: Ambrosia Restaurant, American Tap Room, Armand's Pizzeria & Grille, The Bean Bag Deli & Catering, Bon Chon Chicken, Buffalo Wild Wings, Carmen's Italian Ice, Dawson's Market, The Fresh Market, La Tasca, Oro Pomodoro, Nantucket's Reef, Potomac Pizza, Ring of Fire Grill & Tavern, Rockland BBQ & Grilling Company, Seasons 52, Spice Xing, Paladar Latin Kitchen & Rum Bar

#### Kids Activities • 2-10 p.m.

Enjoy activities for children of all ages. Amusements are located in the parking lot at Maryland Avenue and East Montgomery Avenue. Kids amusements are provided by Rockville-based Talk of the Town. Fee for activities.

#### **Kids Performances**

Don't miss a variety of kidfriendly performances throughout the weekend on the Town Square Stage located on Maryland Avenue in the heart of Town Center. Enjoy dance performances, a live reptile show, singers and more.

#### **Rockville Environmental Commission**

Test your knowledge about city recycling, learn about watersheds, City sustainability and energy efficient actions, and learn how much solar energy your home can generate.

#### 'Trashed' Screening 3:30 p.m.

Catch a free showing of Trashed - No Place For Waste. With the participation of Jeremy Irons, the film looks at the risks to the food chain and the environment through pollution of our air, land and sea by waste. The movie will show at the Rockville Memorial Library in Town Square.

#### New at HTH

#### **Bud Light Beach Stage**

Soak up the sun and walk in the sand at the Bud Light Beach Stage located on East Middle Lane. Enjoy music from local favorites Jah Works and Kelly Bell Band, and at night catch Green River Ordinance, Brothers Osborne, Lionize and John Brown's Body.

#### The Barn Stage

Located on the corner of Maryland Avenue and East Montgomery Avenue, the Barn Stage offers music in a variety of genres including bluegrass, Americana, folk and country.

#### The Sand Pile

Bring the kids and dig right in! The sand pile, located near the kids amusements, will get the kids into the summer

#### **ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE**

STAGES	TIMES	SATURDAY, MAY 24	SUNDAY, MAY 25
BUD LIGHT BEACH STAGE	2-3:30 p.m.	The Shack Band	High Five World Wide
	4-5:30 p.m.	Jah Works	Kelly Bell Band
	6:30-8 p.m.	Green River Ordinance	Lionize
	8:30-10 p.m.	Brothers Osborne	John Brown's Body
HUNGERFORD'S TAVERN	2-3:30 p.m.	Mike Surratt and the Continentals	Hillbilly Gypsies
	4-5:30 p.m.	Throwing Wrenches	Ted Garber
	6-7:30 p.m.	Honor by August	(6:15-7:30 p.m.) NEULORE
	8-9:30 p.m.	B Side Shuffle	Fighting Jamesons
MARYLAND AVE. STAGE	2:30-4 p.m.	Elenowen	(2:30-3:30 p.m.) DC Casineros
	4:30-6 p.m.	The Morrison Brothers Band	Lloyd Dobler Effect
	6:30-8 p.m.	US Royalty	American Aquarium
	8:30-10 p.m.	La Unica	The Nighthawks
THE BARN STAGE	2-3:30 p.m.	The Sweater Set	19th Street Band
9	4-5:30 p.m.	Patuxent Partners	South Rail
	6-7:30 p.m.	The Woodshedders	Patty Reese Band
TOWN SQUARE STAGE	2:30-3 p.m.	Sofia Zhong Dance Group	Chin Hamaya Daiko Rockville
	4-4:30 p.m.	VLOC	American Dance Institute
	5-5:45 p.m.	Uno, Dos, Tres con Andres	Groovy Nate
	6:15-7 p.m.	Bach 2 Rock	Reptiles Alive
	7:15-8 p.m.	Bach 2 Rock	Shadiyah
	8:30-10 p.m.	RTC Dancers	RTC Dancers

<sup>\*</sup>Schedule and times subject to change

### **Rockville Town Center**

### 70th Memorial Day Ceremony & Parade

### Monday, May 26 • Rockville Town Center

**9 a.m. • ROCKVILLE CONCERT BAND AND CHORUS** The City of Rockville supported all-volunteer band, directed by John Saint Amour, and the Rockville Community Chorus will perform a musical tribute to America before and during the Memorial

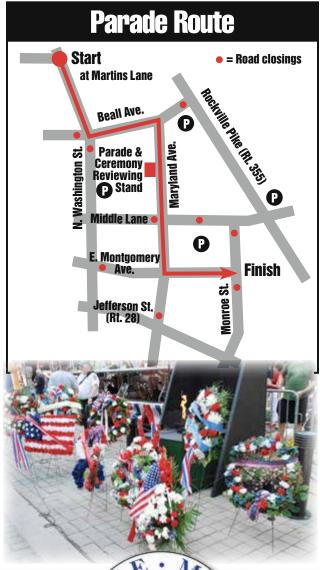
Day Ceremony.

9:30 a.m. • MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY The ceremony in the plaza at Rockville Town Square includes music by the Rockville Concert Band and the Rockville Chorus, the traditional wreath laying led by American Legion Post 86, and a 21-gun salute and presentation of colors by American Legion Post 86 Color Guard and Rockville City Police Department Honor

Participants include American Legion Post 86,
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 86; American Legion
Post 171; Disabled American Veterans, Chapter
12; Anwar Temple 219; Fleet Reserve Association,
Triangle Branch 182; Washington-Rockville Elks
Lodge 15; Prince Hall Shriners; Anwar Temple 219;
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 641; P.O.W.
Association; Capital Base Submarine Veterans, Sons
of Union Veterans of the Civil Way; Antietam Camp
3; Members of the Wood Family; and Rockville Sister
City Corporation.

#### 10:30 a.m. • 70th MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Following the ceremony, the 70th Memorial Day parade kicks off from Martins Lane and North



Washington Street, turning left on Beall Avenue, turning down Maryland Avenue through Rockville Town Center and then making a left on East Montgomery Avenue. The parade has something for everyone with drill teams, marching bands, community groups, military units, multi-cultural groups and more!



Emcee: Brian van de Graaff main weathercaster on weekday mornings for ABC7/WJLA and station News Channel 8 will be the emcee for the parade. He also provides daily forecasts for Washington's Number I rat-

ed morning drive program on WTOP-FM. Brian has earned the American Meteorological Society's prestigious Seal of Approval.



Grand Marshall: Capt. William S. Campbell, U.S. Public Health Service (ret.) Capt. Campbell earned his bachelor of science in nursing at the Oregon Health Sciences Center, and moved to Rockville to work at the then National

Naval Medical Center as a naval officer. He served with the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam as an enlisted Hospital Corpsman. Campbell retired from the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda as a medical research coordinator at the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture in Beltsville, Md. He also coached track for the City of Rockville for seven years and calls Rockville home.



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#### Take Metrobus or Metrorail to Hometown Holidays!

It's easy to get to Hometown Holidays by taking the Metro's Red Line to the Rockville station. Exit on the Rockville Pike side of the station, and follow the sounds of music across the street to Middle Lane.

**BIKE:** Ride your bike to Hometown Holidays! There are bike racks located throughout Town Center and Capital Bike Share Stations as well.

**CAR:** If you prefer to drive, parking is available in many places around Rockville Town Center. **Free Parking** is available throughout Town Center including the Council Office Building on Fleet St., Metro lots and City Hall.

**Paid Parking** is available for a flat fee of \$5 in the Town Square Rt. 355 and N. Washington Street garages from II a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 24 and Sunday, May 25, and 7 a.m. to I p.m. on Monday, May 26. Attendants will collect money at the garage entrance. Cash and credit accepted. Regular Town Square parking rates apply all other times. Dawson's Market parking spaces are reserved for customers only and will be strictly enforced.

**DIRECTIONS:** Hometown Holidays is located in Town Center in the heart of Rockville. **From I-270,** take either exit 5 or exit 6 and head east into Rockville. Follow signs for parking. **From Route 355/Rockville Pike,** going north into Rockville, turn left onto Route 28 and follow signs for parking. **From upcounty using Route 355/Rockville Pike,** drive south into Rockville and use the parking garage located off of Route 355/Rockville Pike or turn right onto Rt. 28 and follow signs to park.

#### **General Information**

- Video and audio recorders and cameras are prohibited during Saturday evening's concert.
- Bring beach chairs/blankets to ensure comfortable seating. Be considerate so that those around you can see the show, too.
- No chairs or blankets allowed within 100 feet of the stage.
- For safety reasons, bikes, skateboards and inline skates are not permitted to be ridden in the event area.
- For your safety, no glass containers or animals should be brought to Hometown Holidays.
- Most events will take place rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, call the City of Rockville's Special Events Line at 240-314-5022 for cancellations.

**ASSISTANCE NEEDED:** Rockville strives to provide access to all programs and services, regardless of disability. Contact the ADA Coordinator at 240-314-8100, TDD 240-314-8137 with questions regarding access to Hometown Holidays.

**Sign Language Interpreters at Ceremony and Parade:** Rockville will offer sign language interpreters for Monday's Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade.

## News You Can Use



The annual Equipment Show, the highlight of Rockville's observance of National Public Works Week, will be held May 22 at the outdoor pool parking lot of the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center.

### **Equipment Show Brings** Out the Big Trucks for **Public Works Week**

Display to Celebrate 'Building for Today, Planning for Tomorrow'

Rockville will join the American Public Works Association to celebrate National Public Works Week from Monday, May 19 through Friday, May 23.

The highlight of the week will be the annual Equipment Show from 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 22 at the outdoor pool parking lot at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center. Kids—and kids at heart will be able to climb into the operator's seat of some of the big trucks used by the City's Department of Public

The free show includes balloons, popcorn, coloring books and other giveaways and the chance to meet some of the public works employees who provide the important services that keep Rockville running.

APWA first sponsored National Public Works Week in 1960. Today, more than 28,000 APWA members in the U.S. and Canada use the week to energize and

educate the public about the important contributions of public works, including planning, building, managing and operating infrastructure and services in our communities.

This year's Public Works Week theme is "Building for Today, Planning for Tomorrow." The theme highlights the stewardship of our communities by public works professionals, whose daily work includes building and planning through sustainable practices that ensure a high quality of life for future generations.

Rockville's Department of Public Works provides water, wastewater, stormwater, recycling and refuse, transportation, fleet services, environmental and right-ofway management.

To learn more about Rockville's Department of Public Works and its celebration of National Public Works Week, visit www. rockvillemd.gov/publicworks or call 240-314-8500. +

### **Turning Up the Water Pressure Along Rockville Pike**

As part of the City of Rockville's ongoing water system improvements, the Department of Public Works will create a new pressure zone in May to increase pressure in the water distribution system in neighborhoods along both sides of Rockville Pike at the City's southern end.

The increase will improve water quality and flow capability to fire hydrants in parts of the Twinbrook and Montrose neighborhoods, as well as in Halpine Village, Rollins Park and Rockland. Residents and businesses should not see a noticeable difference in the intensity of their water flow.

DPW will change the settings on pressure-reducing valves to allow for higher water pressure. Once complete, the City will have increased water

**Multicultural Day** 

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bers are encouraged

to sign up by May 24

to exhibit their native

country's flag, language,

common foods, cultural

items, currency and in-

teresting facts, as well as

native dress, music and

hands-on activities such

as games. Presentations

such as dances or other

performances or video

For more informa-

tion about Twinbrook

Multicultural Day, in-

cluding how to partici-

at kday@rockvillemd.

gov or 240-314-8833, or

gov/twinbrook. \*

visit www.rockvillemd.

pate, contact Kelley Day

clips of cultural pre-

sentations are also

welcome.

Twinbrook

pressure in the affected area known as the Rockville Pike Pressure Zone - by a total of 15 pounds per square inch

Last fall, the City increased the pressure by 5 psi without any detrimental effects. The City does not expect any adverse effects to result from increasing the pressure by another 10 psi. The system pressure will increase by 5 psi in early May and by another 5 psi several months later.

Notifications of work on the water distribution system, as well as a map showing the affected area, will be posted at www.rockvillemd.gov/ publicworks.

For more information about this project, please contact Ilene Lish at ilish@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8516. \*

### **Twinbrook**

pasaportes sellados.

Se anima a los miembros de la comunidad a que se inscriban antes del 24 de mayo para exhibir la bandera, el idioma, las comidas típicas, los elementos culturales, la moneda y datos interesantes de su país de origen, así como los trajes típicos, la música, y actividades prácticas como los juegos. Las presentaciones como bailes u otras actuaciones o videos de presentaciones culturales también son bienvenidas.

Para mayor información acerca del Día Multicultural de Twinbrook, incluyendo cómo participar, comuníquese con Kelley Day en kday@rockvillemd.gov o 240-314-8833, o visite **www.rock**villemd.gov/twinbrook +

### **Multicultural Day**

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nder sobre la cultura nativa de sus vecinos y obtener sus

### Tuesday, May 13 • 7-9:15 Rockville Senior Center Dale Jarrett Trio performs music from the 50's and earlier eras. Dale's rich high baritone voice and style could best be described as that of a big band singer with the bravura of a Broadway show singer. His music is upbeat, participatory and is accompanied by both base and drum players. Register by May 6 - course #46485. Fee: \$10M/\$13R/\$16NM, NR www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide 240-314-8820

#### INFO. AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

#### **Rockville Hosts Outdoor Triathlon Open Swim**

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center's triathlon training program will send athletes outside in May. Triathletes can practice open water skills in the center's outdoor 50-meter fitness pool on May 3-4.

The lane lines will be removed for this preseason event. Swimmers will be given the opportunity to practice deep water starts, managing buoys, pack swimming, sighting and drafting in an organized, noncompetitive atmosphere. Seasoned triathletes, open water swimmers and beginners are all welcome (open to ages 16 and older).

The water is expected to be cold so bring your wetsuit. Cost is \$10 for swim center members and \$12 for non-members. Start times are:

#### **SATURDAY, MAY 3**

- 9-10 a.m. (Course #46943)
- 10-11 a.m. (Course #46944)

#### **SUNDAY, MAY 4**

- 9-10 a.m. (Course #46945)
- 10-11 a.m. (Course #46946)

Register online at rockenroll.rockvillemd. gov, in person at any City recreation facility, by fax to 240-314-8759 or by mail to the Swim and Fitness Center, 355 Martins Ln., Rockville, MD 20850. Questions? Email swimcenter@rockvillemd. gov or call 240-314-8750.

#### **Pay Your Utility Bills Online**

Residents now can choose to pay their City of Rockville utility bill for water, sewer and/or refuse

To register and pay utility bills and set up automatic payment or monthly payment plans, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/onlineutilitypayment. The only information required to register is a utility account number and an address. Users establish an ID and password for easy access to accounts.

Register and receive utility bills via email by completing the online form at www.rockvillemd.gov/ebill.

Not sure if an address receives City services? Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/maps and select the "General Purpose City Map." Select the pushpin icon and enter the address. Once the property appears on the map, select the "i" icon, then click on the property to see the list of City services it receives.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/onlineutilitypayment or call the City's Utility Billing Division at 240-314-8420, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

#### 'Beaver Deceiver' Stops Dams, Saves Pond for Stormwater

When beavers built dams at the Mount Vernon Stormwater Management Pond near Richard Montgomery High School, they stifled the pond's ability to slow stormwater flows, drowned wetland vegetation at the pond's edge and led Rockville to turn to a unique solution.

After consulting with the Humane Society of the United States, the City's Department of Public Works and a contractor drained and dredged part of the pond and connected a "beaver deceiver" to the pond's outlet pipe. This underwater outlet pipe slowly drains the pond after rainstorms, returning the water to the stream. However, it is easily clogged by beaver activity.

The beaver deceiver is a 20-foot perforated pipe supported by two wire cages that prevent beavers from clogging the holes in the pipe.

"The beaver are not going to be able to feel the rushing water leaving the pond because it's going to drain through all those separate little holes and they won't hear the sound of rushing water," Lise Soukup, an environmental engineer with DPW said.

Without the beaver blockages, the pond maintains the water levels for which it was designed.

"The device is working well and the beaver have tolerated the return of the pond to intended conditions," Soukup said recently.

View a special Rockville II beaver deceiver report on the City's YouTube channel.

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#### THINGS TO DO IN ROCKVILLE

### **Summer Recreation Registration Opens in May**

Find the class or program that's right for you in Rockville's Summer Recreation Guide, available online April 30 at www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide. You can pick up a copy of the guide at Rockville community centers, libraries and City Hall after May 5.

Try a tennis class or sports league where you can meet new people and get your body moving. Rockville offers many ways for you to engage your mind through arts, dance and other enrichment programs.

Registration for classes, programs and trips in the Summer Recreation Guide opens May 15. Rockville Swim and Fitness Center members and Rockville Senior Center members may register for classes and programs in their facilities starting on May 9.

Register online at rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov or in person at any City recreation facility. For more information about Rockville recreation programs, call 240-314-8620 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation.

#### **We Will Rock Your Summer**

Have you made plans for your kids and teens this summer? If you haven't, visit www.rockvillemd. gov/summerprograms for help. With teen trips, camps for ages 3-16 and Summer Playgrounds full of fun there is still time to let the City of Rockville rock your summer.

Registration for Summer Camps, Summer Playgrounds and Teens on the Go is open. Register online or at a Rockville community center or City Hall for great summertime programs and events before they fill. Call 240-314-8620 for more information on registration.

### Uncorked Wine and Music Festival Returns to Town Center Aug. 23

Wine and live music on a summer day is hard to beat.

Sample the best Maryland wines, listen to great music and watch cooking demonstrations at Rockville's Uncorked Wine and Music Festival on Saturday, Aug. 23 from noon to 6 p.m.

The cost to sample wines is \$15, which includes a commemorative wine glass. Uncorked is free for those who just want to enjoy the two stages of music and cooking demonstrations.

For more information on this event, visit www. rockvillemd.gov/uncorked or call 240-314-8620. The rain date for Uncorked is Sunday, August 24.



# Biking & Summer Fun



### **Sharing Rockville's Roads**

May Means More Bicycles—and a Reason for All to Review Road Safety Tips

In a city busy with bicyclists and vehicles, following these tips can help everyone reach their destinations safely:

### Always drive carefully around bicycles.

When approaching a bike from behind, slow down. Don't tailgate. Allow a minimum of three feet between your vehicle and the bicycle when passing. Drivers may legally cross a double yellow line to get around a bicycle, but only if and when it is safe in both directions.



### Bicycles should defer to pedestrians.

Bicyclists and pedestrians both have a right to use side-walks and shared use paths in Rockville, but pedestrians are more vulnerable. When passing a pedestrian, bicyclists should use a bell or call out a warning, go slowly and make sure to allow plenty of space to pass.

### Always behave predictably on the roads.

- Drivers: Don't move erratically between lanes. Use turn signals. Don't speed.
- Bicyclists: Obey traffic signals and stop signs. Use hand signals when turning. Don't ride more than two abreast.
- Pedestrians: Cross the street at marked crosswalks.
   Don't walk in the roadway.

#### Pay attention!

Think twice before picking up the phone or reaching for something in your car. Not only is it illegal, but it can wait.



#### Light yourself up at night.

- Bicyclists: Use a bright white light on the front of your bike and a red light in the back. Use reflectors on the front, back and sides, if possible.
- Pedestrians: Wear lightcolored clothing and something reflective on your body such as a bag or a pin.



### **Celebrate Bike Month at Special Events in May**

Rockville celebrates Bike Month in May with rides, workshops and more throughout the city.

For a complete list of Bike Month events—and more bike rides in June, visit **www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling** and select "Rockville Bike Advisory Committee."

Bikesharing is now in Rockville! Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/bikeshare.

#### **Tour de Cookie**

Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Universities at Shady Grove, 9630 Gudelsky Drive.

A non-competitive bicycle ride between 10 cookie stands to benefit the Tree House Child Assessment Center of Montgomery County. Register at www.tourdecookie.com.

#### **Bike Month Kick-Off Ride**

Sunday, May 4, 10 a.m.

Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

This short 6- to 8-mile ride family ride starts and ends at City Hall, kicking off the 2014 bicycling season.

#### Trailblazer's Triangle Bike Tour

Saturday, May 10, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Starting in Olney, travel the Intercounty Connector and the Matthew Henson and Rock Creek trails, stopping at Lake Needwood. Learn more on page 41 of the Spring Recreation Guide and register at <a href="www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide">www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide</a>. Note: This ride is May 10, not May 17 as listed in the recreation guide.

#### **Safe Cycling Classes**

Level 1: Tuesday, May 20; Thursday, May 22 Level 2: Tuesday, May 27; Thursday, May 29 Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.

Learn how to ride safely at any skill level. The Level 1 course is aimed at the recreational rider. Level 2 is for potential bicycle commuters or weekend road warriors. All classes are held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Learn more on page 41 of the Spring Recreation Guide and register at <a href="https://www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide">www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide</a>.

### **Bike Safety Checks by the Rockville Bike Advisory Committee**

Saturdays, beginning May 10; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Rockville Farmer's Market, Town Center (corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street).

#### **Bike to Work Day**

Friday May 16; 6-9 a.m.

Pit stops throughout Rockville.

Pit stops in Rockville Town Square, Fallsgrove and Twinbrook. Register online at **www.biketoworkmetrodc.org** to pick up your free T-shirt at one of the pit stops.

#### 8th Annual Ride of Silence

Wednesday May 21; 7 p.m.

Beginning at Rockville Memorial Library, 21 Maryland Ave.

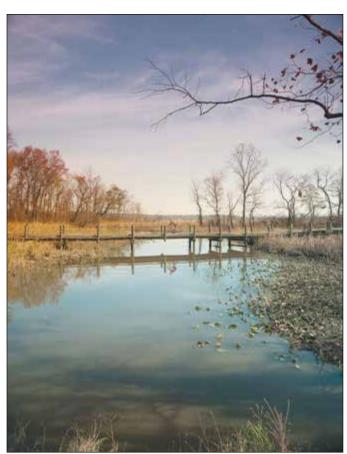
Cyclists worldwide honor those who have been injured or killed while bicycling. The free, 10-mile, hour-long ride is escorted by Rockville city police, but is not recommended for children or slower cyclists. Learn more at www.rideofsilence.org.

#### Rockville's Green Business Initiatives Workshop

Wednesday May 21; 8:30-10 a.m. (Light breakfast at 8 a.m.) Rockville Hilton, 1750 Rockville Pike.

The Rockville Chamber of Commerce, Bike Maryland, and the City of Rockville discuss the benefits of bicycle-friendly businesses. Register at www.rockvillechamber.org. \*\*

# Arts & Entertainment



"Early to Rise" by Ray Jubela.

### See Works by the Rockville Art League and More at Glenview Gallery

Stop by the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery in May to see a juried members show by the Rockville Art League, and in June to take in photography and recovered wood sculptures.

May's free exhibit opens with a reception where you can meet the artists on Sunday, May 4, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Enjoy songs by the Rockville Singers at 2 p.m. in the conservatory. The Rockville Art League show, which may include works of oils and acrylics, watercolors, drawings, mixed media and collage, sculpture and fine art ceramics and more, runs through May 23.

In June, the gallery will display works by Pierre Ruffieux and photography by Streams of Light and Ray Jubela. The free exhibit's opening reception is Sunday, June 1, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. The Beau Soir Ensemble, a



Beau Soir Ensemble

flute, harp and viola trio, will perform chamber music at 2 p.m. in the conservatory. The show runs through June 20.

The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery, which is accessible, is located in the historic mansion at 603 Edmonston Dr. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 9 a.m.- 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. The gallery is closed on weekends and holidays.

For more information, contact Julie Farrell at 240-314-8682 or jfarrell@rock-villemd.gov, or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/arts. \*\*



"Look Away" by Ray Jubela.

### Actors, Singers and Dancers Bring the Arts to Rockville

Get Your Tickets Now for a Performance at the Fitzgerald Theatre

Theatrical comedy, melodies by singers and youth instrumentalists, eastern European folk music, dance and opera are sure to delight audiences at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre in May and June.

Rockville Little Theatre presents the classic Moliere comedy "The Miser" from May 2-11. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Dawn Crafton Dance Connection presents their annual spring production in May 15-18. Preschoolers to adults will present a show filled with different types of dance – ballet, tap, jazz, creative movement and more. Shows are Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday at noon and 3 p.m. Call Dawn Crafton Dance Connection at 301-840-8400 for tickets.

The Rockville Chorus will take the stage Sunday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. for their annual spring concert. This city-sponsored choral ensemble performs a classical choral repertoire, Broadway musical material, classical

jazz arrangements, and contemporary music, generally in four-part harmony. Free; \$5 donation appreciated.

Rockville Regional Youth Orchestra's annual spring concert is on Tuesday, May 27 at 7:30 p.m. Enjoy refreshments in the lobby after the show. Free.

On Saturday, May 31 at 8 p.m., join **The Washington Balalaika Society** as they perform the music of Russia, Ukraine and Eastern Europe on traditional Russian folk.

Hear the much-parodied "Major General's Song" performed by the Victorian Lyric Opera Company when it presents the comic opera, "The Pirates of Penzance," from June 12-22. Preview night is Thursday, June 12, at 8 p.m. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. A family-friendly matinee is Saturday, June 21 at 2 p.m.

Unless stated otherwise, contact F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre Box Office at 240-314-8690 to purchase tickets for these performances. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre for more information.

### Rockville Hosts Day of Outdoor Play for Kids and Families Celebrate National Kids to Parks Day on

**DISCOVER CITY EVENTS** 

Celebrate National Kids to Parks Day on Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Rockville's Civic Center Park.

Get outdoors and connect with nature in the park's Hayes Forest Preserve. Stop by the Croydon Creek Nature Center for a make-and-take craft. The day long event is free and open to the public.

Kids to Parks Day is a day of play that promotes environmental stewardship and healthy outdoor living. Last year, more than 139,000 people across the country participated in Kids to Parks Day.

The Mayor and Council are scheduled to issue a proclamation on May 12 declaring May 17 as National Kids to Parks Day in Rockville.

Civic Center Park is located at 603 Edmonston Drive. The nature center is at 852 Avery Rd., adjacent to the back of the park.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd. gov/croydoncreek or www.parktrust.org/kidstoparks/national-kids-to-parks-day or call 240-314-8770.

### Save the Date: Rockville Rotary Twilight Runfest is July 19

Event Includes New Family Fitness Walk

Run, walk or watch one of the most popular summer races in the greater Washington area – the Darcars Rockville Rotary Twilight Runfest – on Saturday, July 19 from 7-11 p.m. in Town Center.

This year, in addition to the 8K and I-mile Fun Run, Runfest organizers added a Family Fitness Walk and music along the race route. The City continues to book musicians to entertain runners along the race route. Call 240-314-8620 if you'd like to perform.

Runners and walkers will be greeted at the finish line with a huge block party with free music, food and drinks. Sons of Pirates will perform classic rock and beach party music before and after the race.

The Twilight Runfest is the signature fundraising event for the Rockville Youth Recreation Fund, which provides scholarships to Rockville children who would not otherwise have been able to participate in City recreation programs. Learn how to donate by calling 240-314-8620.

For more Runfest information, visit www.rock-villemd.gov/twilightrunfest or www.rockvilletwilighter.org.

#### 'Free for All in the Parks' Brings Live Music to Neighborhoods

Enjoy beautiful summer nights watching and listening to a variety of free, family-friendly entertainment at Rockville's Free for All in the Parks concert series

The concerts will be held from 7:30-8:30 p.m. on four Thursdays this summer.

The Shifters will play reggae music at Montrose Community Center, 451 Congressional Lane, on June 26. The Shifters perform modern spins on classic Jamaican rhythms called Rocksteady. Their music mixes Motown, upbeat horns and harmonized vocals.

On July 10, be sure to stop by the Rockville Senior Center's Carnation Room at 2 p.m. for an afternoon of early jazz and country music by Bumper Jacksons. This group boldly and elegantly balances paying homage to tradition while fashioning their own unique style.

On July 17, see D's Magic Show at Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave. Dave Thomen, CBS News "Baltimore's Best Magician" and National Theatre's "Stars of Magic" recipient, will create magical fun that will keep you entertained.

Round out your summer at a blues concert by James Mabry, performing on acoustic guitar and harmonica, on July 24 at Calvin Park, I 248 Gladstone Dr.

For more information on Free for All in the Parks please visit www.rockvillemd.gov/arts or call 240-314-8620. In case of inclement weather, call 240-314-8682 after 4 p.m. on the day of the event.

### Men's Futsal League Registration Open through June 16

After a popular and successful first season in 2013, Rockville's Men's Futsal League is getting ready for players to kick it again this

Futsal is a game similar to soccer but is played indoors on a gym floor with a ball that is smaller and heavier than a soccer ball. The game is played with two teams of five players.

Rockville's league draws players from throughout Montgomery County and the state. Sign up now and challenge your skills with other dedicated players age 18 and older.

The league is open to new teams and individuals. League play is at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center on Friday nights starting at 7:30 p.m. (the season opens on June



2013 League Champions: Colombia F.C.

27). Two officials will referee each game.

Registration per player is \$49 for Rockville residents /\$59 non-resident. The deadline to register is Monday, June 16.

Learn more at www.
rockvillemd.gov/recreation/
sports (select "Men's Futsal"
under Adult Sports Leagues).
For more information or to
register for the league, contact
Duncan Mullis at 240-3148652 or dmullis@rockvillemd.gov. \*

#### **Visit Rockville's Building Safety** Information Booth in Town Square in May

Stop by a special booth in Town Square from May 5-9 to get your Rockville code or building safety questions answered as part of Rockville's recognition of National Building Safety Month.

Sponsored by the International Code Council (ICC), Building Safety Month aims to improve public awareness about what it takes to create and maintain safe and sustainable structures. On April 28, the Mayor and Council declared May as Building Safety Month in Rockville.

National Building Safety Month focuses on four

- Fire safety and awareness
- Disaster safety and mitigation
- Backyard and pool safety
- Energy and green building

Rockville's Inspection Services Division - part of the Community Planning and Development Services Department - is responsible for permitting, enforcement of City building and fire codes, and overall building safety in Rockville.

A Rockville code official will be available at the information booth to answer building safety and code questions. Visitors can pick up building and fire safety checklists and children's coloring books and stickers

For more information about the Inspection Services Division or building safety in the City, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/isd.

#### Read the City of Rockville Website in 70 Languages

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#### Public Can Soon Apply to Serve on Bus Rapid Transit Committees

Montgomery County will be establishing advisory committees to assist in the planning and design of corridors where bus rapid transit (BRT) improvements are planned.

A master plan amendment adopted by the Montgomery County Council last November identified 10 corridors that may be improved with high capacity BRT service. Adoption of the master plan requires planners to form advisory committees for each of the

In Rockville, advisory committees are being created for the study areas of Veirs Mill Road, Rockville Pike/MD 355 from Rockville Town Center and continuing north and Rockville Pike/MD 355 from Rockville Town Center and continuing south.

Residents, business representatives and others will soon (in May or June) be able apply to serve on these committees, which are expected to be formed this

Learn more and apply online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rts/. Questions? Contact Tom Pogue, MCDOT Community Relations, at 240-777-7170 or tom.pogue@montgomerycountymd.gov.

# Neighborhood Notes

### Meet Your Neighbor: Chef Jeff Eng

Meet Your Neighbor is a regular feature in Rockville Reports and on Rockville 11 highlighting the unique individuals that make our community a special place. To suggest someone for a future episode and article, email

#### meetyourneighbor@rockvillemd.gov.

Rockville resident and chef Jeff Eng's unique hairdo – and his culinary skills -got the attention of producers of the show "Chopped." He also appeared on a Chopped spin-off, and Rachel Ray's "40 Dollars a Day" - experiences he said were rewarding and fun.

Eng, executive chef at Clyde's Tower Oaks Lodge, has become a cooking celebrity. Locally, he has put on food demonstrations at Rockville's Uncorked Wine and Music Festival and makes regular trips for fresh food at Rockville's farmers market. Last year he was named Best Chef of the Year by the Restaurant



Chef Jeff Eng.

Association of Maryland.

As a child, Eng remembers being the first one home from school in the afternoon and heading for the kitchen to get the family's dinner started.

When his mom arrived home, they'd finish cooking the meal together - something he has fond memories of today. Eng, whose grandfather was a chef, "grew up in the kitchen" and ultimately realized he could make a career out of cooking.

Although he cooks a variety of dishes at Tower Oaks and home, he said his own favorite food is pizza – New York style to be specific. When he's not in the kitchen, Eng finds time to enjoy the

"Rockville's great. It's a very eclectic city. Everything you need is here, and it's a great place to raise a family," said Eng, who has three

Eng visits Rockville's farmers market regularly during the growing season, where he finds his pick of local produce to add to his recipes – at home and at Tower Oaks Lodge. After cooking root vegetables all winter, he said seeing spring favorites this time of year like artichokes and asparagus are a welcome sight. Being close to growers at the market has made an impression on the

"It's a different experience when you're dealing with the people who put their blood, sweat and tears into growing these foods," Eng said. "It really makes you respect the products a lot more."

Hear more from Eng in a Rockville 11 feature on the City's YouTube channel. \*\*



**Rockville Seniors, Inc. (RSI)** presents

### Spring Bazaar

**Rockville Senior Center** 1150 Carnation Drive

> Saturday, May 3 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- crafts
- plants
- raffles
- books baked goods and more

Proceeds from the bazaar support the senior center and programs through Rockville Seniors, Inc.

www.rockvillemd.gov/ seniorcenter

240-314-8800

### Farmers Market Gears Up for Season Opening

Every week the Rockville Farmers Market transforms itself as different fruits and vegetables become available throughout the growing

Opening day at the Saturday market will be from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on May 10 in the jury parking lot at the corner of East Jefferson Street (Route 28) and Monroe Street.

**SATURDAY MARKET:** 9 a.m.-I p.m. May 10-Nov. 22 Corner of E. Jefferson St. and Monroe St.

Stop by for farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, bedding plants, cut flowers, preserves, honey, herbs, baked goods and more. All items offered are picked fresh daily and available as supplies last. The City encourages shoppers to go green and bring their own recyclable bags to the market.

Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards are accepted at the Saturday market. The City of Rockville thanks the organizations



that support the EBT program. If you are interested in contributing to the program please email SpecialEvents@ rockvillemd.gov.

Learn more about the

Saturday market and view a photo album at www. rockvillemd.gov/farmers. Watch a recap of last year's farmers market on the City of Rockville channel on YouTube.

If you're looking for a midweek boost, the Wednesday farmers market, now or-

ganized by Dawson's Market, opens June 4 in the Dawson's parking lot at 225 North Washington St.

#### **WEDNESDAY MARKET:**

II a.m.-2 p.m. June 4-Sept. 24 Dawson's parking lot 255 N. Washington St.

Wednesday market information can be found at www.dawsonsmarket.com/ farmers-market or by emailing farmersmarket@dawsonsmarket.com. \*



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